

## SEEING DIXIE LAND FROM AN AUTO

EXTRACTS FROM A NOTE BOOK BY D. L. BARLOW

### THE ORANGE

From some cause while touring Florida, I have been especially interested in the orange, grapefruit and tangerine groves. I will not give the reason, I know there is not a reader young or old, of The Times who could not guess. This is not the first thing I have left for my readers to guess, but it is the easiest.

More than four hundred years ago Ponce de Leon, the Spanish cavalier, seeker after new lands as well as a fountain of youth, landed near St. Augustine. He established friendly relations with the Indians and explored a good portion of Florida. I at that time (if I remember correctly) was not touring this state in an auto, and therefore cannot personally state whether or not there were orange trees here. However I am informed that it is believed Ponce de Leon brought the seed or the fruit—seeds from which he scattered as he traveled from place to place. This seed scattered either by design or accident is thought to have germinated, took root and thus was laid the foundation of the great citrus fruit industry of the Land of Sunshine and Flowers.

After Ponce de Leon's day Florida was once more left to the Indian tribes and it is supposed the seedling trees grew up and bore fruit. This fruit was pleasant to the taste of the Indians who were supposed to have started small groves around or near their camping places and years afterwards when the Spanish adventurers came again they found the orange well established and looked upon it as the best of the many fruits of the land. The Spanish found that the orange thrived best on high ground and usually selected what is called hammock land for their groves.

The foregoing sketch of the origin of the orange industry of this State is based on what is supposed to be good authority and while my personal experience extends back only to November 3, 1920, yet from what I can learn, I am of the opinion that the orange was here when Ponce de Leon came, for the tree in its wild state is found in thickets where on the foot of a mountain—white or red—has not trod for centuries, if ever. The late Geo. White, of Pocahontas once said: "The blackberry is a natural production of the Laurel Creek soil." So I am of the opinion that the orange is a natural production of the soil of certain sections of Florida and was found here with the live oak, the palmetto and the pine.

While a part of the above is conjecture, yet one thing I do know about the orange is we have many different kinds. I had not been but a few days in the State before I learned this. While walking two or three miles east of the city of DeLand I noticed a beautiful grove and stopped at the house to get a few oranges for my folks. You know that any excuse is better than none. I found that the grove was owned and managed by a Mrs. Woods, a Kentucky lady. She said to me, "You will find the ripest and sweetest oranges on the last row in the grove. Go out there and help yourself. I there learned that there is as much difference between the different varieties of oranges as there is of different varieties of apples. Of the many kinds of oranges I only remember the following: The King, the Blood, the Indian River, the Pineapple, Enterprise Seedless, the early and late Valencis, etc.

Oranges of the same variety may differ greatly in flavor depending upon the stage of ripeness. You know there is a great difference between a green apple and a ripe apple. There is just as much difference between a ripe and an unripe orange. A large portion of the fruit picked and shipped north early in the season is too green. A Mr. Graddock who owns a grove near Haines City and makes a business of shipping direct to the consumer told me when I was in his grove last Sunday that he turned down all orders received before the holidays. He said, "I would rather lose a customer than to ship him unripe fruit." Oranges, like the apple, to be of the best and sweetest flavor must be tree ripened. When I

first began to sample oranges in early November I found it difficult to find one sufficiently ripe to suit the taste. The oranges that have been allowed to hang on the tree through the winter and spring are sweeter and juicier than those picked in the fall. I think the grower makes a great mistake in allowing his unripe fruit to go to the consumer.

Florida has been greatly favored by nature for the growing of oranges, yet perfection in this line cannot be attained only through painstaking and scientific methods. Every detail of the business requires attention. It is even necessary that the seed planted by the nurseryman be of a kind that will produce a splendid root system and a sturdy stalk upon which to bud the variety desired.

In speaking of budding it might be well to add that the orange industry has progressed from the old seedling trees to the budded stock and the budded stock has been improved from time to time until now it is considered to be as nearly perfect as the ingenuity of man and the sunshine and rain of Florida can produce.

Now when the grove man has selected ground, prepared same and set out his trees, his real work has just begun. If he neglects his grove all is lost. I have seen many groves that are nothing but disease breeders and eye sores. It requires from three to five years of intensive cultivation, proper fertilization and pruning, as well as spraying to guard against insect pests before the trees are brought into bearing. One cannot hope to attain success in the orange business without considerable expense and great labor. A grove owner, if he wishes to grow fruit—the kind that is full to the bursting point of sweetness, healthfulness, and delicious to the taste as well as pleasing to the eye, must be on the job and ready on a moment's notice to do away with any enemy that may tend to mar his fruit or blight his trees. The orange tree is an open book and you have but to look to read its condition. The leaf, the fruit, the growth, and the color will indicate whether or not the tree is receiving proper or improper nourishment and attention.

The orange is an evergreen tree, and never altogether dormant. It is necessary that the soil be kept in a state of cultivation. However, I am informed, the cultivation should be shallow to avoid injuring the root system and that a cover crop is desirable during the late summer and early fall. Fertilizer must be judiciously and abundantly used.

In the north one of the seasons which appeals to us is the spring when the apple trees are in full bloom the bees humming, the birds singing their best songs and all nature taking on new life. Last year's apple crop is gone and forgotten, but you are happy in anticipation of next fall's harvest. Now suppose you were to walk into your orchard on a fine May morning and find the summer rambo tree with leaves of a glossy dark green, twigs stout and strong, but loaded to the breaking point with sun-kissed and delicious tree-ripened apples, and at the same time the tree white with bloom indicating that a new crop is being born and from a topmost limb a mocking bird is pouring forth its sweetest music. From this you may have a picture of the orange tree. It has been my pleasure to see trees full of fruit and bloom at the same time. A stroll through a grove during the months of February and March when the trees are laden with fruit and blossoms and the air with perfume is an experience not soon to be forgotten. While my experience with the Florida climate has been limited yet I am of the opinion that nature intended the fruit to hang on the tree through the full twelve months of the year, so that it may absorb in its own peculiar way Florida's sunshine and showers.

It is interesting to watch the experienced picker as he skillfully clips the fruit from the tree, drops it carefully into the canvas bag and carefully transfers each bagful to the field crate. The crates are loaded on motor trucks and hauled to the packing house where the oranges are put through the washer, dryer and polisher and grader. Experts stand along the belt conveyor and pick out all culls. The choice fruit drops into proper bins, from which it is wrapped in sanitary tissue paper and snugly packed into crates.

I am informed that some packers do not allow the fruit touched by the

## MURDER AND ROBBERY

### CAMP ON NORTH FORK OF CRANBERRY HELD UP

Last Friday night, a woods camp containing about thirty Slav laborers was sound asleep. The camp is located on the North Fork of Cranberry River within the county of Pocahontas. It is a part of the woods work of the Cherry River Boom and Lumber Company, with headquarters at Richwood. The camp was a long building with all the men sleeping in bunks in one room. For the purpose of a hold up it might be termed to be well adapted to that kind of an attack, even as a Pullman car.

Out of the night three men came upon that camp and entered. The sleeping men were aroused to find a man with a pistol at each end of the camp, with an extra man to relieve them of their savings. The program moved along without a hitch until the robber reached the bunk of a Russian who had something over two thousand dollars on him, and he revolted.

Then one of the guards came forward swiftly and shot six holes into the protester, and after that no further resistance was made. The Russian died instantly.

The men gathered up about ten thousand dollars in currency, six thousand dollars in checks, and some watches and jewelry. They went together a short distance until they reached the waters of Williams River and there they seem to have separated.

A telegram was received at this place Saturday giving word of the occurrence. On Sunday a young man of Austrian nationality came out of the woods from the general direction of the scene of the robbery and attracted a good deal of attention under the circumstances from the fact that he was bare headed, his shoes badly worn, his face any hands badly scratched, and having a general appearance of having fled through the woods. He was not arrested at the time, but the word was sent to Marlinton, and Policeman R. K. Burns went after him.

The stranger struck the railroad near Seibert and hit the ties for the outside world. He walked eighteen miles. In the meantime, Mr. Burns had taken a ride on a railroad motorcycle and had run to Renick and got off there and sent the car back, and started to walk back towards Pocahontas County, thoroughly convinced that he would meet the man coming. Near Renick, he met him and took him by holding a revolver on him.

When he was searched the sum of \$2250.00 in currency was found on him in a loose roll. He was brought to Marlinton, Monday, and has been held for the Cranberry affair. He claims to have won the money playing poker at Elkins the night of the robbery.

He gave his name as James Ant- phor and claims that he registered as an alien in the draft from Durbin in 1917.

bare hand—that all workers from the pickers to the packers are required to wear white canvas gloves, and when you buy a certain brand you may rest assured that your hand is the first to touch the fruit when you remove it from the tissue wrapper.

The orange is the origin of the citrus fruit industry of Florida and its cultivation led to the introduction and improvement of the grape fruit, tangerine, lemon, lime, kumquat, etc. A number of these different fruits may be budded on the same stock and may be seen growing on the same tree with oranges.

(To be continued.)

### HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Four students were enrolled last week, Hazel, Lessy and Brent Shields who moved near here from Tucker county where they had been attending the Parsons high school, and Martha Phares from Arbovale.

Miss Harbourne spent Easter with Lily Sharp at her home near Marlinton.

The graded school will have a program in the Auditorium Friday night April 1st.

Miss Nutter took her general science class to a large cave Friday afternoon to study rock formation underground.

The Marlinton High School play will be given here Saturday night April 2.

Several students went home to spend Easter.

The Normal Senior class visited three rural schools last week. They report good work being done in the surrounding schools.

Dr. Russell H. Conwell will deliver his great lecture, "Acres of Diamonds," here Tuesday night April 5.

The Sophomore class conducted assembly services Monday morning.

### SPECIAL RATES TO S. S. CONVENTION

A special railroad rate of one and a half fare has been secured for the delegates who will attend the State Sunday School Convention at Charleston May 10, 11 and 12. The directions are to secure a certificate from the station agent at the time you buy your ticket to Charleston. This certificate, when endorsed by W. A. Snow, Sunday School secretary, at Charleston, will be good for half fare back home. Don't confuse "certificate" with "receipt." Some stations do not keep certificates, but the agent can tell you the station where certificates can be obtained.

### TO STOCK RAISERS

F. L. Shaw, sheep specialist, will demonstrate treatment for stomach worms, grubs, etc. of sheep.

Bartow, Apr 4, 3 p m Brown Head Greenbank, April 5, 10 a. m. Fred Moomau.

Dunmore April 5, 2:30 p. m.—Harry M. Moore.

Beaver Creek, April 6, 9 a. m. Underwood School.

Hillsboro, April 6, 3 p. m.—Lee McLaughlin.

Lobelia, April 7, 10 a. m.—N. W. Walton.

Beard, April 7, 2:30 p. m.—Dick Beard.

Edray, April 8, 10 a. m.—W. E. Poage.

Slaty Fork, April 8, 2:30 p. m.—L. D. Sharp.

Hosterman, April 9, 9:30 a. m.—W. W. Sutton.

### HILLSBORO

Fine weather, peach and plum trees in full bloom; grass is making a fine start. We are about a month in advance of former seasons.

Mike Welford and Cam Adkison were in Greenbrier last week for a gasoline engine.

Joe Siple has had lights installed in his house which adds greatly to its convenience.

Glen Clark is working for A. C. Stillwell in the absence of Geo. L. Carline.

W. C. Householder and W. A. Browning motored through town Sunday.

William Gibson is at the home of his sister, Mrs. Joe Siple.

H. Kelsonson and family and Miss Bright, of Marlinton, and Tom Sawyer, a merchant tailor of Baltimore, were visitors at I. B. Shrader's at Fair View Farm, Sunday.

Tom Burgess has recently sold his property to Lee Beard. Mr. Burgess and A. C. Bransford have purchased property in the city of Charleston. We regret to see these good people leave our neighborhood.

Miss Eula Hill closed her school at Locust Creek last Friday.

We would like to see some work done on the pike leading to Droop Mountain. The mud holes should be filled up so the traveling public could go over them in safety and motorists would not have to be pulled out of the mud holes by farmers teams long the road.

Sterl and Raymond Shrader of the Hill country, spent Saturday night with their uncle, I. B. Shrader.

N. M. McCoy is in Arkansas taking treatment for rheumatism.

### ONOTO

Most of the people have the majority of their plowing done and work up in good shape.

Mrs. G. A. C. Auldridge has returned from an extended trip to Wanless, Cass and other points. She brought back with her Master Clay Tallman, who is contemplating making his home with them.

Mrs. H. B. Hill of Cass, spent Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Barlow.

Misses Bettie Clay and Lillie Sharp spent Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sharp.

Miss Clara Bush was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barlow Saturday.

Miss Julia Price, of Marlinton, was the guest of Miss Dameron Barlow Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Faith Baxter of Cass, spent the week end with Mrs. M. J. Baxter.

Very heavy freeze on Monday and Tuesday nights, which has put a check on vegetation. It is probable that peaches and other early fruits are badly injured over the entire country. The thermometer registered sixteen above at Marlinton Tuesday night. Ice froze on the streams.

The Browns Creek road from Huntersville to the Greenbank district line, has been put up in fine shape by Cam McLaughlin and Everett Dilley, and in a very short time. Early work is what counts in getting our earth roads in proper shape.

### HOUDINI

The Great Handcuff King in The Grim Game at Amusu Theatre Saturday, April 2nd

It was in the making of this picture that the accidental collision of two aeroplanes was photographed. The only time that this occurrence has ever been filmed. This thrilling scene alone is worth the price of admission. Also

FOX NEWS REELSHOWING

Reunion of the Blues and the Grays and many other late happenings.

Coming Monday—Eddie Polo in "King of the Circus"

Tuesday—An All-star cast in the great Drury Lane Melodrama "The Best of Luck"

Wednesday—We are playing a return engagement of

"HOODLUMS" featuring Mary Pickford

If you missed this picture before you owe yourself the treat of seeing it this time. Ask those that seen it before.

Watch for "THE TWILIGHT BABY"

# Public Auction Sale

## Finger Siegel Co., of Cass

will hold an auction sale to dispose of the balance of their stock on April 14, 15 and 16

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Don't forget the dates, April 14, 15 and 16

Building for sale or rent. Also store fixtures.

Frank Ashford Auctioneer **Finger-Siegel Co.** Public Auction Sale

### OBITUARY

Mrs. Maybelle Grimes Beeler was born September 8, 1890, and departed this life January 2, 1921. She was united in marriage to Joseph Clay Beeler of Clinton, Illinois. Her death after a long illness was due to typhoid fever and complications.

Mrs. Beeler was converted and became a member of the M. E. Church about five years ago. She has been a successful teacher in our public schools. Her work and interest seemed to be among the young people to which she was specially adapted, and eminently qualified both in school and church work. Not only was she naturally adapted to this work, but she prepared herself most thoroughly to do the work she liked best, most efficiently. She was of delicate build, and was never very strong. She accomplished her tasks by force of will rather than by strength of body. Her sweet disposition won for her at once a place in the young heart, and brought gladness and sunshine into the lives of all who knew her. It can be truthfully said of Mrs. Beeler, "She went about doing good." As a wife she was affectionate, and obedient, as a daughter she was tender and kind, as a friend she was wise and invaluable; as a Christian was modest, humble and pure. When the heart is clean and pure with no mist of doubt, nor clouds of sin then by faith we can see our master. One day we shall slip away from these scenes of earth, gently as the mist is lifted along the shore, and closing our eyes on all familiar things we shall open them to look upon the unveiled face of Him who said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

We must be content while here to "see as through a glass darkly," to know of things in part and not in their fullness; but when the day breaks, and the shadows in which we now walk shall flee away, then we shall see clearly, and know more perfectly. There shall be no mysteries in that world to come. There we shall see clearly, and "shall know even as we are known."

Rev. J. H. Light, D. D. of Marlinton, and Rev. C. B. Rutledge of Frost, conducted the funeral services. Mrs. Beeler leaves a husband, mother and father, an aged grandmother, three brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn whose loss seems to be an untimely departure. How sadly we miss her! But memory is more pleasant because she was here, and heaven is richer because she has gone. The flowers are fresher because of the dew that has fallen, though it is now gone, so are lives better who knew her though she has slipped away for awhile, we shall meet her in the sweet by and by.

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The Ladies Aid Society of the M. P. Church will give a supper at the Cummins Creek school house Saturday night April 9th. Proceeds for the benefit of the church. Everybody invited to come.

Men who seek the High Point in Fashion at the Low Point in Price

### THE COUNTRY STORE

AND WHITE SALE  
The Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church will serve lunch in connection with their "White Sale" at the High School Building on Saturday April 2nd, commencing at 5 o'clock p. m. There will be on sale at the "Country Store," dressed chickens, fresh eggs, bread, cakes, pies, etc. Come and buy your Sunday dinner.

The Supreme Court has refused an appeal in the case of Stuart & Watts vs G. C. Beard. In this case a verdict for the plaintiffs of \$2500 was brought in by the jury, which was set aside by the trial judge. The appeal was asked for on the action of the court in setting aside the verdict.

J. L. Baxter unloaded a car load of Ford on Wednesday.

### MARLINTON METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Light, D. D., Pastor. Sunday School 9:45.

Sunday morning preaching by Rev. G. W. Richardson; Sunday night at eight o'clock by the pastor, subject: "A Refuge of Lies."

Thursday evening March 31, final meeting of quarterly conference. Friday night business meeting of Epworth League.

Three houses burned in Greenbank on Tuesday morning. The residences of James H. Curry, Earl Arbogast and Mack Woods. The fire started in Mr. Curry's house and spread to the other houses which were nearby. There was little or no insurance.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Van-Reenan, at Woodrow, March 29th, a son.

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